

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 10, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building following a reception welcoming Dave Dagon as Emergency Services Administrator.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Rosen, Schaefer, Martin (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

Absent: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of February 24, 2003 as presented.

So passed. Mr. Bellm, Mr. Rosen, and Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to move up item #9 on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

9. Eagleville Fire Department-Public Recognition

The Eagleville Fire Department requested the Council time to allow the department to recognize two young children who assisted their mother during a recent medical emergency. On January 30, 2003 at 5:58 p.m. the Eagleville Fire Department received a call from 3-A Eagle Ct. for a person in respiratory distress. Upon arrival Rebecca and Zacharia directed the personnel to their mother who was on the floor suffering from a seizure. The children were honored for the actions taken that day.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste Regulations

No comments from the public.

2. Proposed "Heating Procedure for Citations Ordinance"

No comments from the public.

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to place item 12a. Library correspondence on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Meredith Lindsey, 72 Beech Mountain Road, read a letter in response to Mr. Bruce Bellm's letter to her regarding the resolution against war in Iraq.

David Kloss, 72 Beech Mountain Road, urged the Town Council to be more supportive of the present leaders of our country and was not in favor of the resolution passed by the Council against war in Iraq. He expressed the opinion that the Council should not have adopted the resolution without a public hearing.

Mr. Michael Lassow, 70 Jacobs Hill Road, expressed his faith in our armed forces and felt that the Council did not speak for him by signing this resolution. A referendum on the resolution should have been held.

Michael Bryce, 80 Candide Lane, expressed his feeling that the Council did not speak for him with regards to the resolution. He believed that the Council should leave ideology at the door.

Michael Kelley, 77 Beech Mountain Road, felt that the Town Council had overstepped their bounds and should not politicize on national issues.

Joel Geffin, 28 Jacobs Hill Road, felt that the Council should have had more conversation with people in Mansfield before voting on the Resolution against war in Iraq. The passing of the resolution was inappropriate without more discussion.

Ryan Hawthorne, Warrentown Road, supports the troops overseas and does not believe the Council spoke for him in the Resolution against war in Iraq.

V. OLD BUSINESS

3. Appointment of Member to Regional School District #19 Board of Education.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to appoint Mr. Fran Archambault of Charles Lane to the vacancy on the District 19 Board of Education.

So passed unanimously.

4. Issues regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing.

Town Manager said that the project would most probably go to the end of 2003. No other comments on this issue.

5. Paperwork Reduction

Council suggested that the staff reduce paper in Council packet, by only referencing previously mentioned issues and make reference to the dates when the issue was discussed.

No action taken.

6. Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adopt the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations as presented by town staff in its draft dated February 24, 2003, and which amendments will become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

7. Proposed "Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance"

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to adopt the proposed "Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance: as presented by town staff in its draft dated March 10, 2003, and which will become effective 21 days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

8. University Spring Weekend

Meetings continue between the State Police and the UConn Police. The Substance Abuse Task Force, with Town Manager as a member, continues to meet and will give the President of the University a report shortly.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

9. Eagleville Fire Department-already presented earlier on agenda.

10. Proposed Amendments to Building Construction Ordinance-Chapter 107, Mansfield Code of Ordinances

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 24, 2003 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 107 of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances.

So passed unanimously.

11. Grant Application to Comprehensive Approach to Combating Underage Drinking Program

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application of \$25,000 to the Office of Policy and Management's "Comprehensive Approach to Combating Underage Drinking Program: for fiscal year 2003/04.

So passed unanimously.

12. CCM Amicus Curiae-Board of Education of Naugatuck v. Town and Borough of Naugatuck

No motion made.

12a. Library Board communication

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to table this communication.

Motion so passed. Mr. Bellm and Mr. Schaefer voted against.

Communication is tabled.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Alan Hawkins mentioned the elderly project in Coventry, where the elderly are called to make sure that they have food, fuel etc. especially during the winter months.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager suggested a tour of the Capital Projects and suggested March 29th as a possible date.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Possible ordinance regarding underage drinking in private homes.

Minority representation on the Regional Board.

Same sex marriage and state statutes regarding the issue.

State abatements on taxes for veterans.

I. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 13. E.Paterson re: Response to State Senator Prague
- 14. Reception for New Emergency Services Administrator-March 10, 2003
- 15. Plan of Conservation and Development Update-March 4, 2003
- 16. Senator J. Lieberman re: Possibility of Military Action to Disarm Iraq
- 17. D. Kloss re: Resolution concerning War in Iraq
- 18. M. Lindsey re: Resolution Concerning War in Iraq
- 19. K.S. and S.Q. Clark re: Resolution Concerning Civil Liberties in Mansfield
- 20. Planning and Zoning Application Referral-13 lot Subdivision East of Fern Road, West of Chatham Hill Road

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager for a Personnel matter.

So passed unanimously.

At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to come out of Executive session and return to the Town Council meeting.

So passed unanimously

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:31 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk